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Re: Professional Rules of Conduct, Rule 8.4(g)

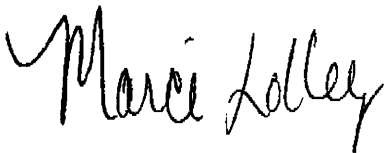
Ed Smith
CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF MONTANA

Case Number: AF 09-0688

Honorable Members of the Court,

You have called for public comment of the proposed new Rule 8.4(g) of the Professional Rules of Conduct for Montana Attorneys. As a concerned citizen, I hereby submit my request that you reject this rule for the following reasons, As Americans, freedom of speech and religious liberties are a basis of our rights. Taking away a Christians right to publically declare their belief is wrong. An attorney, who protects the rights and freedoms of others should have those same freedoms and rights protected. We have the right to choose who represents us in this country, therefore making a rule to disbar an attorney who may have the same belief as those choosing them seems ridiculous. The Government should not overreach their boundaries and declare "their way or the highway mentality" . This country was founded on Christian principles with morals and ethics, making it a crime to say this is my belief is unconstitutional. Please do not continue with this proposed Rule.

Signed,



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